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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-129—HB 5725

Planning and Development Committee

Environment Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE PHOSPHOROUS
REDUCTION PLAN**

SUMMARY: The law requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner, or his designee, to work with specified municipalities to evaluate and recommend a statewide strategy to reduce phosphorus in inland nontidal waters. This act requires the commissioner to report to the legislature, by October 1, 2014, on these collaborative efforts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

STATEWIDE PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION STRATEGY

PA 12-155 required the DEEP commissioner, or his designee, and the chief elected officials, or their designees, of Cheshire, Danbury, Meriden, Southington, Wallingford, Waterbury, and any other impacted municipality to collaboratively evaluate and make recommendations on a statewide strategy to reduce phosphorus loading in inland nontidal waters to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

The current act requires the DEEP commissioner, by October, 1, 2014, to report to the Environment and Planning and Development committees on the recommendations and detail the collaborative effort through which they were reached.

By law, the strategy must include:

1. a statewide response to address phosphorous nonpoint source pollution;
2. approaches for municipalities to use to comply with EPA standards for phosphorous reduction, including guidance for treatment and potential plant upgrades; and
3. the proper scientific methods for measuring current, and projecting future, phosphorous levels in inland nontidal waters.

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